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### LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING APRIL

During April, the first month of the 1941 season, the United States halibut fleet landed 2,675,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$269,000, at Seattle as the result of 129 trips to North Pacific grounds. In April 1940, a total of 3,017,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$281,000.

Species landed in April 1941 included 2,613,000 pounds of halibut, 3,160 pounds of sablefish, 52,000 pounds of "lingcod", and 6,500 pounds of rockfishes, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

For the first four months of 1941, halibut fleet landings total 3,424,000 pounds, valued at \$310,500. Compared with 3,691,000 pounds, worth \$311,900, for the same period in 1940, this represents a decrease of about 267,000 pounds in volume, but only \$1,400 in value.

Receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 1,584,000 pounds, valued at \$103,600, spread among 22 classifications. Compared with 1,087,000 pounds, worth \$78,700, received during April 1940, this represents an

increase in volume of 497,000 pounds, or 46 percent, and about \$25,000, or 31 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for April 1941 was 3,718,000 pounds; for the same month last year, 4,048,000 pounds, an 8 percent decrease in volume. The first four months' total shows 1941 so far about 1,440,000 pounds above 1940.

Total receipts for halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for April, the first month of the 1941 season, amount to 7,237,000 pounds. This compares with a total of 8,059,000 pounds for the same month in 1940, a decrease of about 822,000 pounds in volume.